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# T WHARF MARKET CLOSED STRONG

**Sch. Benj. A. Smith There  
Today With 50,000 Pounds  
of Fresh Fish.**

The week closed quietly at T wharf this morning, the only new arrivals since yesterday being sch. Ben. A. Smith from the Cape Shore with 50,000 pounds of mixed fish and the gasoline boat Fortunata with 12,000 weight of pollock and 600 pounds of cod.

Yesterday afternoon's arrivals were schs. Mary, 45,000 pounds; Mary Edith, 5800 pounds; Mary F. Sears, 6500 pounds.

Haddock sold at \$3.25 to \$4.50 a hundred pounds; large cod, \$4.40 to \$5; market cod, \$2 to \$3; hake, \$2.50; pollock, \$1 to \$1.35.

## Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Mary, 17,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 20,000 hake, 500 pollock.

Sch. Mary Edith, 1800 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, 3000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, 20,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 3000 hake, 1500 pollock.

Str. Fortunata, 600 cod, 12,000 pollock.

Haddock, \$3.25 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.40 to \$5; market cod, \$2 to \$3; hake, \$2.50; pollock, \$1 to \$1.35.

## Portland Fish Notes.

Portland's netting fleet has not yet done much business and it looks now as if it would not, according to the Portland Press.

It is time for the fall schools of fish to appear, and yet no catches of any size have been reported. The netting fleet has prepared for business and many of the regular boats have already gathered here. The captains of the various boats and the dealers, however, are not looking for much of a business.

This situation is explained by the fact that the netters to the southward seem to have got in ahead of the Maine netters and have headed off the fish. All across Boston Bay, nets have been stretched. There are thousands of them and they even extend far into the ocean. By far the great majority of the Gloucester fleet is netting and raking the waters for fish. With the immense number of nets stretched on the bottom, there seems little likelihood that the fish can get by them and come to the waters of Maine. Still the fishermen in this vicinity have not given up hope and are looking for some kind of a catch anyway.

When the haddock come along in schools, they do not come to the surface as other fish do, but stay on the bottom so that it is only by chance they are captured. The nets have to be set deep in the water and if the fish happen to come that way along-shore, they will be caught. As there is a barrier of nets in Boston Bay, the fishermen say it is hardly possible for many of the fish coming alongshore to get as far north as this.

But few fish were brought into Portland Thursday, or the only fares reported were th Martha E. McLean with 2500 and U Crusader with 3500.

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## Campaign Against Seals.

In Finland, as in many other countries, a regular campaign is carried on against the seals. According to the report for 1910 of the inspector of fisheries, no less than 19,299 seals were taken in that year, about 13,000 of them in the three months March, April and May. Many of them were caught in traps or nets, but most were clubbed, harpooned, or taken by hooks.

## Will Build Vessel.

Capt. Frederick MacLean of Port Saxon, has been in Shelburne recently, securing local capital for the construction of a fishing schooner, similar to the Roseway, built for the Roseway Fishing Company a few months ago.

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# HALIBUT WORTH \$102 PER BOX

**Sch. Eugenia's 4000 Pounds  
Sold Quickly at 18 1-2  
Cents Per Pound**

The demand for halibut and scarcity in the market has sent prices soaring high, consequently when sch. Eugenia arrived yesterday from a Georges handlining trip, her halibut fare of 4000 pounds was quickly snapped up and sold at 18 1-2 cents a pound right through for white and gray.

The fish were purchased by the American Halibut Company and when iced and ready for shipment, each box totalled \$102 in value. This is one of the top notches prices of the season.

In addition to her halibut fare, the Eugenia brought in a nice trip of Georges handline cod, hailing for about 30,000 pounds in all.

The storm early yesterday forenoon kept nearly all the small lake boats in port. The larger steamers got underway, however, and made a lift. The receipts of the day were about 125,000 pounds, mostly pollock. A few fish went to the splitters, but the greater part were shipped fresh to Boston by Atwood & Payne, and the local ship-pers, who are handling the catch of the gill netters.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Eugenia, Georges handlining, 30,000 lbs. salt cod, 4000 lbs. fresh halibut.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 14,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Anna T., gill netting, 6500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary L., gill netting, 7500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gelsha, gill netting.

Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bessie M. Dugan, gill netting, 1300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 18,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Hiram Lowell, Newfoundland, salt herring.

Sch. Cherokee, shore.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, via Boston.

Sch. Jeanette, shore.

Sch. Jorgina, via Boston.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., via Boston.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, via Boston.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, via Boston.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, haddocking.

Sch. Preceptor, halibuting.

Sch. Tattler, Newfoundland herring trip.

## TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

### Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.75.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.62 1-2; snappers, \$3.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Dory handlining codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.12 1-2; snappers, \$3.50.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Drift codfish, large \$4.25; mediums, \$3.62 1-2.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Large salt mackerel \$25 per bbl.; Fletched halibut, 10c per lb.

### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.  
Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.  
Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.  
All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.  
Hake, \$1.15.  
Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.  
Dressed pollock, 95c; round, 85c.  
Bank halibut, 17c lb. for white and 14c lb. for gray.  
Fresh mackerel, 31c for large.  
Fresh herring, \$1 per bbl. to salt; \$2 per bbl. for salt.

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## CHANGE AT LOCKEPORT.

**Lane Out of Management of Cold Storage Company.**

An important change has taken place in the management of the Lockeport Cold Storage Company. A meeting of the company was recently held in Boston, at which Mr. Lane who has been the promoter and manager of the company, resigned his position, and severed his connection with the enterprise. The Canadian shareholders bought out the American interests, and elected William Hodge, of Montreal to the presidency of the company. Mr. Hodge has arrived at Lockeport, accompanied by Mrs. Hodge, and will take up permanent residence in the town, and will personally manage the business. The offices of the company will be removed to a section of the glue factory, which is being fitted with all conveniences for the work. The present office quarters will be converted into a residence for Mr. Hodge. The Cold Storage, and subsidiary plants have now passed the promoting and experimental stages, and will now be developed as strictly commercial enterprises.

The past month has been the dull-est month of the year with the fishermen, so far as the catches have been concerned. The men have been preparing for the lobster season, and therefore little time has been given to boat fishing. The storms have also interfered with the work, and have particularly been hard on the off-shore business.

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# STIRRING UP THE MODUS VIVENDI

**NOVA SCOTIA PAPER  
URGES STRONGLY  
ITS ABOGATION.**

Under the caption, "Shelburne's Opportunity Under a Suspension of the Modus Vivendi," the Coast-Guard comes out editorially this week with another wail and urges most strongly that the amicable agreement which has been in force between America and Nova Scotia for so many years, be abrogated.

In its last issue the Coast-Guard devotes much of its space to a discussion of the Modus Vivendi and publishes several contributed articles from readers, advocating the movement undertaken by the paper.

The editorial says:

"There are three principal factors to the successful exploitation of the Banks fisheries, namely, a continuous supply of suitable bait, available crews for the vessels, and a convenient base of operations. And Shelburne is admirably situated in respect to all three.

"The herring grounds afford rich harvests of bait. We have a sufficient number of South Shore men to operate a fleet of one hundred more Canadian vessels than are now engaged in the Banks fishing, and as a base of operations, Shelburne harbor is singularly fortunate in its situation. We are only a few hours from the Banks, and therefore, in a more advantageous position to carry on the fisheries than any other port on the North Atlantic Coast. With the suspension of the modus vivendi the port of Shelburne would be the centre of a large fleet of bankers within fifteen years.

"The only excuse that appears to

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exist for a continuance of the modus vivendi is the amount of trade that is brought to our store-keepers, and others along the Nova Scotia Coast, in supplying American fishing vessels with provisions and dories. These traders and boat-builders, no doubt, look with favor on the continuance of the privileges of American fishing vessels to our ports under the licenses.

"But if, as a result of the withdrawal of these privileges, Canadian fishermen can more successfully compete with their American competitors, the number of Canadian vessels will rapidly grow, and the traders and dory builders in question, will have a much larger trade, and the trade will be with our own people instead of with United States fishermen. At present we receive only a small part of the trade even from the vessels licensed to buy from us.

"So far as Shelburne and Lockeport are concerned a fleet of only ten Canadian fishing vessels sailing from each port, would be more valuable than all the present American fishing vessel trade.

"But there is a much more important aspect to the situation than the volume of trade under the modus vivendi licenses. The chief industry of Shelburne is ship-building. How many vessels have been built, the past four years, for American fishermen? Not one! And why? Because the American government, by the Shipping Act, passed a few years ago, for the protection of their ship-yards, practically prohibits any business being done with our ship-yards.

"Our vessel trade is with our own people, and with the fishermen of Newfoundland. By the suspension of the modus vivendi there would necessarily be a large trade to fill the demand for an increase in our fishing fleet, and Shelburne, and other ship-building centres, would benefit very largely.

"Are we sufficiently far-seeing to drop a penny for a sure dollar?"

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# LOOKS AS THOUGH THEY WANT FISH

**T Wharf Buyers Start Week  
With a Rush of High  
Prices.**

The week at T wharf, Boston, opened rather lively this morning, there being a good demand for fresh fish, although the arrivals were few and prices were sent soaring upwards.

Of the off shores, sch. Vanessa, Capt. William Firth and sch. Valerie, are among the lucky ones to hit the market today. Capt. Firth hails for 20,000 haddock and 30,000 cod and the Valerie for 20,000 weight of haddock, 12,000 cod, 13,000 cusk and 700 pounds of halibut. With the prevailing prices, both crafts should realize a nice big stock. Others of the off shore fleet in are sch. Josie and Phoebe with 58,000 pounds and the steam trawler Surf with 48,000 pounds.

Seven of the little fleet of cod netters are also at the dock with small fares of cod.

Haddock sold at \$5.50 to \$7 a hundred pounds, large cod, \$5.75 to \$6.50, market cod, \$3 to \$5, hake, \$2.50 and pollock, \$1.75.

## Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Str. Surf, 48,000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Vanessa, 20,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. Valerie, 20,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 13,000 cusk, 700 halibut.

Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 32,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 3000 hake, 15,000 cusk.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 2000 cod.

Sch. Gracie, 500 cod.

Sch. Mabel E. Leavitt, 3200 cod.

Sch. Sylvester, 2700 cod.

Sch. Lillian, 3500 cod.

Str. Joanna, 2500 cod.

Sch. Florida, 9500 cod.

Sch. Nautilus, 1400 cod.

Haddock, \$5.50 to \$7 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.75 to \$6.50; market cod, \$3 to \$5; hake, \$2.50 to \$6; pollock, \$1.75.

## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Cavalier arrived at Hawkesbury Thursday last and sailed for the fishing grounds.



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## TWO OF TRIBUNAL ARE SELECTED

### To Arbitrate Pecuniary Claims, Some of Which Are Local.

#### Sir Charles Fitzpatrick and Chandler P. Anderson Are Named.

A press despatch from Washington says that Great Britain and the United States have agreed upon the composition of the tribunal for the arbitration

of pecuniary claims, as provided in the special arrangement recently ratified by the two governments.

Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, chief justice of Canada, and the British member of the North Atlantic coast fisheries arbitration tribunal at The Hague, in 1910, will represent Great Britain. Chandler P. Anderson, counsellor of the department of state, will represent the United States. These two will select a third member, who will act as umpire and will be a subject of neither Great Britain nor the United States. The third member has practically been agreed upon and his name will be announced later.

Cecil J. B. Hurst of the British Foreign Office, will be chief counsel for Great Britain. Edmand L. Newcombe, Canadian deputy minister of justice, will be associated with him. Severc Mallet-Prevost of New York will be chief counsel for the United States. He was one of counsel in the Venezuela boundary arbitration. Robert Lansing, one of counsel for the United States in the fisheries arbitration, will be associated with him.

A schedule of claims for submission to arbitration has already been agreed upon and the amount claimed on both sides is altogether about \$4,000,000.

It is expected that the tribunal will meet next spring and by agreement of the two governments its first session will be held in Washington.



CHANDLER P. ANDERSON,

Who Will Represent the United States on the Tribunal.

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## GALE DROVE THE SHORE FLEET IN

### The Gill Netting Fleet Had a Pretty Good Day on Saturday.

Quite a fleet of shore crafts which left here Saturday forenoon were driven back to port on account of the heavy gale outside yesterday, which was at its height at midnight and was felt all along the coast.

No arrivals from off shore are reported although several of the coasting crafts put in here for harbor. Only a few of the gill netting steamers ventured out yesterday, while the entire fleet was tied up here this morning.

The gill netters had a fair day of it Saturday, several good trips being landed. Among the high liners were the R. J. Kellick, Sawyer, Medonak and Gertrude T. Most of the landings were pollock, with a few haddock and cod, which were shipped to Boston.

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Philomena, gill netting, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 14,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 5,000 lbs. fresh fish.

#### Saturday's Gill Netting Arrivals.

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 4,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Alice, gill netting, 1,500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 3,500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 1,500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 3,600 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Mindora, gill netting, 3,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 4,500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 4,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 6,500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Venture, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Hugo, gill netting, 4,500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 4,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Anna T., gill netting, 5,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 4,500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Ethel, gill netting, 8,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Mary L., gill netting, 1,600 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Medomak, gill netting, 11,500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 18,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Lorena, gill netting, 1,200 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 13,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Bessie M. Dugan, gill netting, 7,500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 6,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 6,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 8,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Scout, gill netting, 4,000 lbs. fresh fish.

#### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

##### Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.75.  
Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.62 1-2 snappers, \$3.25.  
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.  
Dory handlining codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.12 1-2; snappers, \$3.50.  
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.  
Drift codfish, large, \$4.25; mediums, \$3.62 1-2.  
Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.  
Pollock, \$1.50.  
Hake, \$1.50.  
Haddock, \$1.50.  
Large salt mackerel, \$25 per bbl.  
Fledged halibut, 10c per lb.

##### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.  
Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.  
Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.  
All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.  
Hake, \$1.15.  
Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.  
Dressed pollock, 95c; round, 85c.  
Bank halibut, 17c lb. for white and 14c lb. for gray.  
Fresh mackerel, 31c for large.  
Fresh herring, \$1 per bbl. to salt; \$2 per bbl for bait.

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## 80 FISHERMEN MAY BE DROWNED

Eighty-one Portuguese fishermen lost their lives during a recent storm on the coast of Portugal. On Monday last a fleet of 100 small fishing vessels, whose crews totalled 192 men, were caught in a gale. Up to yesterday only 110 of the men had returned and it is almost certain the remainder went down with their craft. The survivors were without food or water for three days while the seas were very heavy and cold winds prevailed.

Four of the fishermen became insane, jumped overboard and were drowned.

During the past few years, quite a number of Lisbon fishermen have come to this city and shipped in local crafts and undoubtedly several if not many of the victims are known by those here.

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#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, haddocking.  
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, haddocking.  
Sch. Juno, haddocking.  
Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., haddocking.

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#### Pensacola Arrivals.

Last week was a fish week for Pensacola, red snappers and black groupers have been coming in by the thousands every day. This is what arrived for E. E. Sanders Co.: Favorite, 16,485 snappers, 1385 groupers; Ida M. Silva, 20,680 snappers, 12,035 groupers; Cavalier, 19,440 snappers, 10,085 groupers; Dorothy, 21,590 snappers, 11,995 groupers; Wallace McDonald 13,620 snappers; Priscilla, 17,880 snappers, 3,465 groupers; Lottie S. Haskins, 19,240 snappers, 1,145 groupers; Carrie B. Welles, 12,300 snappers, 1,250 groupers; Ruth A. Welles, 25,060 snappers, 6,155 groupers; Clara M. Littlefield, 18,060 snappers, 5,075 groupers; Cavaliere, 20,000 snappers, 10,000 groupers. Smack arrivals for Warren Co. were as follows: Galatea, 3,500 snappers; Mary L. Harty, 13,935 snappers; 8,390 groupers; Franklin, 5,200 snappers, 4,800 groupers; Alcoma, 23,500 snappers, 10,300 groupers; Hope, 27,700 snappers, 13,400 groupers; Emma Jean, 18,500 snappers, 3,200 groupers.

## THE SALT FISH SITUATION

The local market for salt fish is quiet under the influence of the usual holiday season dullness, says the Fishing Gazette. The general condition, however, is one of shortage of stocks, and this is likely to continue until a break occurs in St. John's or Halifax. Of course it is possible that the present abnormal values for dried fish will obtain for a time, but the whole interests of the trade would benefit by a return to sane prices.

The prices at St. John's are nominally the same as those of last week, but the demand is not anything like so keen, says the Trade-Review. The latest highest price is given as \$6.70, but no great business is looked for until the figure is \$6.50. The export merchants seem bound to suffer, as usual, some of them having bid as high as \$6.90 for talquale. When it comes to the inauguration of any new departure in commercial enterprise in this country, Job Bros. & Co. may be always found near the front. They believe that quick despatch to market is becoming more and more a necessary feature of the fish trade every year, and hence, standing in with some of their brother merchants, they have despatched the Nascopie from St. John's with a cargo of 21,000 quintals of fish to Alicante. The steamers being employed on previous occasions in this business were generally Norwegian tramps, it being presumed that it would not pay local steamers to undertake foreign fish freighting. Messrs. Job Bros. & Co., however, thought otherwise, hence the present venture.

Good supplies of Pacific codfish are being received at San Francisco this month, but no active buying has set in as yet. Prices have been somewhat easier, but a demand from the east is looked for after the first of next year, if not before.

A New York importer says: West Indian conditions have not improved any. The rains have kept up now for about 30 days, and every day of their continuance from now on is bound to bring further damage and loss, not only to the fish trade, but to the crops and prosperity of those countries as well.

Meantime the prices in producing centers continue remarkably firm, or at least the pretence is that they are firm, and how long dealers will sustain the market, and continue to arrange for certain and heavy losses is for the dealers to decide. It is reported that Gloucester has just bought a fair sized cargo of Labrador fish at a good price for damp fish, particularly if the full duty should be paid on the same. It has also been reported that there is a break in prices in St. John's, where most of the dealers have been more conservative this season than elsewhere.

## JAP TRAWLERS ARE DOING WELL

More trawlers are wanted for the fisheries of Japan, and during recent days a representative from the Far East has been staying at Grimsby, Eng., where he hoped to make the necessary additions to the fleet which left that port some few months ago, says the "Fish Trades Gazette." But Grimsby was unable to fulfil expectations owing to the fact that the class of vessel sought after was too small. Private letters from the Grimsby skipper who is in charge of one of the trawlers fishing from Osaka show a truly remarkable development in the fishing, and though the steam trawler has had much to contend against with its modern methods, the marked success of the operations opened up great possibilities. His own ship had made a profit of about £300 each week since its initial trip; good grounds existed within sight of land; no ice was carried on board, but absolutely fresh fish was insured by making short trips of about two days each. The demand, says the skipper, is good and certain, but up to the present the other three vessels under Japanese commanders have not done so well as his own.